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In Re Application of : May 20, 2004  
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Serial No. 09/468,377 : Examiner: Andrew Nalven  
Filed: December 20, 1999 : IBM Corporation  
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Title: A METHOD OF SECURELY SHARING  
INFORMATION OVER PUBLIC  
NETWORKS USING UNTRUSTED  
SERVICE PROVIDERS AND TIGHTLY  
CONTROLLING CLIENT ACCESSIBILITY

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2004 for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** which begin on page 12.

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